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Rep. Chris Smith Pushes Global Scheme To Hunt Down, Punish `Anti-Semites'

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A senior Republican member of the House of Representatives, Rep. Chris Smith (N.J.), has told the Jewish Telegraph Agency (JTA)— which is said to be the "global news service of the Jewish people"—that "serious penalties" should be imposed on the perpetrators of "anti-Semitism."

This should be a concern to all Americans and other people around the globe who value freedom of expression. It is a signal that Smith and others of like mind are actively planning the institution of legal measures to curtail freedom of speech that is perceived to be critical of the political agenda of the organized Jewish community, including the interests of the state of Israel.

In this regard, it is important to recognize that although the term "anti-Semitism" has historically been said to be hostility toward or discrimination against Jews as a religious or racial group (although Arabs are Semites), the meaning of the term has been broadened in recent years to include even criticism of the actions of the state of Israel as well as opposition to Zionism, the movement that established the state of Israel and which maintains a global support network for Israel.

Smith issued his call for "serious penalties" to be imposed on "anti-Semites" during the recent conclave of the London Conference on Anti-Semitism, which was attended by 120 parliamentarians from 40 countries. The *Jewish Chronicle of London* said the gathering was a virtual "who's who of world politics."

The JTA cited Michael Gove, a member of the British Parliament in attendance at the conference, as having proclaimed that "Anti-Zionism is the new anti- Semitism."

Other conference attendees said that recent criticisms of Israel's actions in Gaza against Christian, Muslim and secular Arabs, comparing Israel's misdeeds to National Socialist Germany's measures against European Jews, were also manifestations of "anti-Semitism."

Irwin Cotler, a member of the Canadian Parliament, asserted that any effort to disconnect anti-Zionism from anti-Semitism was totally false; in other words, those who call themselves "anti-Zionist" but who say they are not "anti-Semitic" are, in fact, "anti-Semitic," despite their protestations to the contrary.

In addition, Smith said that "Holocaust remembrance and tolerance education must dramatically expand, and we need to ensure that our respective laws punish those who hate and incite violence against Jews."

This is particularly dangerous and inflammatory inasmuch as Smith and his colleagues believe that criticism of the Jewish agenda (in whatever form) and criticism of Israel do cause "hate" and do "incite violence against Jews."

Although there are now in place so-called "hate crime" measures in the United States that increase criminal penalties on individuals who have been found to have committed crimes of violence ostensibly motivated by "anti-Semitism" or "racism," the clear intent of the recent London conference was to further lay the groundwork for instituting legislation specifically geared to penalizing any form of speech or expression that is perceived to be hostile to Jewish interests or the state of Israel.

During the conference the attendees issued a formal declaration vowing to fight "anti-Semitism," saying that the phenomenon has risen to worldwide levels that they asserted—according to the JTA —"[have] not been seen since the holocaust."

The official declaration specifically charged that Iran and Venezuela are demonstrating manifestations of "government-backed anti-Semitism in general and state-backed genocidal anti-Semitism in particular."

Included in the American delegation (led by Smith) included Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, a lobby for Israel which also functions as an asset of Israel's intelligence service.

Also included was Deborah Lipstadt, a professor of religion, who is touted as an "expert" on what she and others say is "holocaust denial." (Lipstadt herself admitted in her book, *History on Trial*, that she had once acted as an informant for Israeli intelligence during a trip to the Soviet Union.)

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